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Brigadier General C. M. McCorkle  
Assistant Chief of Staff for Guided Missiles  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Room 4C968, Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General McCorkle:

Our photographic interpreters and guided missile analysts are becoming more and more concerned with the layout of guided missile test facilities in the Soviet Union. In order accurately to assess the raw intelligence on the guided missile program of the USSR, we have planned a tour of atomic energy and guided missile test installations in the United States for several of our specialists in this field. Permission is requested to include in the tour the Air Force Missile Test Center at Patrick Air Force Base. We have coordinated the proposed trip with the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF.

The following pertinent information is submitted:

- a. Date of visit: 4-5 April 1957
- b. Personnel to be contacted: Major General Donald W. Yates, Commander of the Missile Test Center
- c. Purpose of the visit: To acquire first-hand knowledge of US ballistic missile test facilities, especially the launching areas and associated buildings and equipment. A helicopter flight over the test area would be of the greatest value to the photographic interpreters in the group. A briefing by Test Center personnel on the

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sequence of events leading up to the launching of a missile in conjunction with the layout and utilization of various launching areas would be extremely valuable.

d. Visitors' names, grades, badge numbers:

[Redacted]

e. All the above-named personnel are cleared for TOP SECRET information and "Q" category material.

If further details are needed, please contact

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Your cooperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

C. P. Cabell  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Deputy Director

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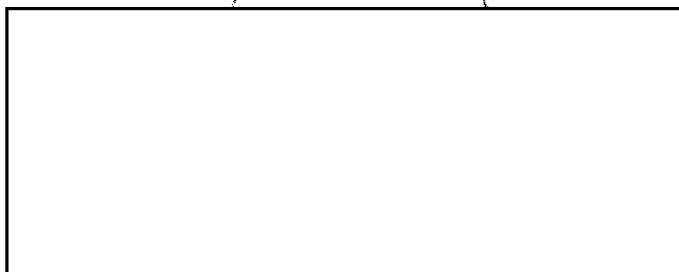
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for [redacted] may be contacted for [redacted] approval or disapproval of the proposed visit.

Your cooperation in this highly important training mission is deeply appreciated by this Agency.

Sincerely yours,

C. P. CABELL  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Deputy Director

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